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Dear US DOJ,

I am part of a worldwide network that is working on getting the BeOS or equivalent back into the market place, but there is no hope of success if the following issues aren't addressed, especially since Microsoft declared BeOS as a competing Operating System:

- 1) MS Office needs to be opened, so that developers interested in porting it or understanding the document formats can do so either in form of a source code licence or an allowance to see it, check it and "clone libraries", so that applications on non-Windows OSs can read and write MS Office formats for flawless interaction with Windows users.
- 2) The Win32 API needs to be made available (incl. undocumented APIs) so that WINE can be successfully ported not only to BeOS but other OS too.
- 3) The file system needs to be opened, so that BeOS users can continue to access files on non-BFS partitions.
- 4) The ruling must include a "must-carry" rule, so that any OEM Microsoft is supplying Windows with HAS to "dual-boot" an alternative operating system, in this case BeOS, in order to remedy the damage MS has done to BeOS in the past.

I would suggest that this is the minimum settlement, as financial settlement will merely be paying to maintain the status unfairly achieved so far. The damage to Be Inc, and their new owners Palm Inc, has been substantial to the point of inability to operate and compete effectively.

Regards,
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